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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/762,416	Applicant(s) MERKYS ET AL.	
	Examiner Teresa J. Walberg	Art Unit 3742	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 14-21, 25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hughes et al (5,279,360).

Hughes et al disclose a condenser assembly (col. 7, lines 20-23) adapted to condense a refrigerant for use in a refrigeration system (abstract lines 1-2) including at least one microchannel condenser coil (col. 3, lines 26-30) including inlet and outlet manifolds (10, 12), a plurality of cooling fins spaced between 12 and 24 fins per inch (col. 6, lines 6-7), a plurality of microchannels measuring between about 0.5 by 0.5 mm and about 4 mm by 4 mm (col. 6, lines 53-57), and a frame (Fig. 7) supporting the condenser coil.

While Hughes et al do not state that the refrigerant being condensed is for use in a retail store refrigeration system, this is deemed to be a mere statement of intended use which Hughes would necessarily be capable of performing.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 5-11, 13, 22-24, 26, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hughes et al (5,279,360) in view of Cox et al (5,121,613).

Hughes et al discloses a condenser assembly having the claimed structure with the exception of a fan supported by the frame, a plurality of coil assemblies, and the number of coils being selected based on the calculated heat load.

Cox et al discloses a refrigerant coil apparatus including a fan (blower 18) supported by the frame, a plurality of coil assemblies (col. 2, lines 32-41), and the number of coils being selected based on the calculated heat load (col.3, lines 24-34).

It would have been obvious in view of Cox et al to use a fan supported by the frame in the condenser assembly of Hughes to ensure sufficient air flow through the coils and to use a plurality of coil assemblies, and the number of coils being selected based on the calculated heat load in the condenser assembly of Hughes to enable easily customizing the capacity of the coils to the needed cooling rate.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Mathews is cited to show a fan mounted in a frame above cooling coils.

Sasaki et al (5,529,116), Sasaki et al (5,743,328), Shlak et al, and Yamomoto et al are cited to microchannel heat exchangers.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Teresa J. Walberg whose telephone number is 571-272-4790. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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